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SUBJ: CYPRUS IN SECURITY COUNCIL

1. AMB SCHAUFLELE HAD CONVERSATION WITH GREEK REP STAVROPOULOS, AT LATTER'S REQUEST, ON CURRENT SITUATION REGARDING CYPRUS.

2. STAVROPOULOS OBVIOUSLY HAD BEEN BRIEFED BY CLERIDES FOLLOWING LATTER'S MEETING IN WASHINGTON AND EXPRESSED DISMAY THAT SECY KISSINGER HAD SOUGHT GREEK-CYPRIOTE HELP TO REVERSE CONGRESSIONAL CUT-OFF ON AID TO TURKEY BUT COULD NOT PROMISE ANYTHING CONCRETE IN RETURN.

3. STAVROPOULOS WENT ON TO REITERATE NEED FOR TURKISH GESTURE WHICH WOULD ABLE CLERIDES TO RETURN TO INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS WITH DENKTASH. HE SAID THAT GREEK CYPRIOTS DEMAND FOR RETRUN OF REFUGEES TO TURKISH-HELD ZONE OBVIOUSLY COULD NOT NOW BE ACCEPTED BY TURKS AND WAS AN UNREALISTIC DEMAND. HE THOUGHT GESTURE WHICH UNDER APPROPRIATE CIRCUMSTANCES MIGHT BE ACCEPTED BY TURKS AND SATISFYGREEK-CYPRIOTE NEEDS WOULD BE A GESTURE INVOLVING THE PORT OF FAMAGUSTA WHICH, HOWEVER, WOULD
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HAVE TO INCLUDE THE RETURN OF SOME GREEKS TO THE CITY.

STAVROPOULOS CLAIMS THAT THE TURKS HAVE NOT REALLY TAKEN OVER THE CITY ALTHOUGH THEY LOOT OCCASIONALLY. HOWEVER TURKISH TROOPS RING THE CITY AND CAN CONTROL IT FROM THE PERIPHERY.

4. SCHAUFELLE POINTED OUT THAT USG COULD NOT HAVE APPROPRIATE INFLUENCE WITH TURKS IN VIEW OF CONGRESSIONAL CUT-OFF ON ARMS DELIVERIES. THEREFORE, UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES US INFLUENCE WITH TURKEY WAS LIMITED. IN ADDITION, SCHAUFELLE POINTED OUT THAT THE ROSSIDES LETTER TO THE NY TIMES HAD NOT HELPED MATTER SINCE IT APPEARED TO BE AN APPEAL TO GREEK-CYPRIOTES AND GREEKS IN THE US IN SUPPORT OF CONGRESSIONAL ACTION.

5. SCHAUFELLE ASKED STAVROPOULOS WHAT HE SAW COMING OUT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. STAVROPOULOS WONDERED WHETHER THE SC WAS NOT AT AN IMPASSE GIVEN THE TURKISH REFUSAL TO ACCEPT ANY KIND OF OUTSIDE PARTICIPATION WHICH WOULD HELP GET THE TALKS GOING AGAIN AND THE GREEK-CYPRIOTE INABILITY TO RESUME TALKS WITHOUT SOME KIND OF ADDITIONAL ELEMENT. SCHAUFELLE'S PROBES TO ELICIT ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS BEYOND THOSE ALREADY IN CIRCULATION WERE UNSUCCESSFUL.

6. SCHAUFELLE POINTED OUT THAT THERE IS A MYTH IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL THAT ALL MEETING ON ANY SUBJECT HAVE TO RESULT IN A RESOLUTION. IF STAVROPOULOS WERE RIGHT, IT LOOKED AS IF WE WOULD GET NO RESOLUTION. STAVROPOULOS IMMEDIATELY SAID THAT IF THERE WERE NO RESOLUTION THERE WOULD BE NO RESUMPTION OF TALKS. SCHAUFELLE POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT A RESOLUTION ACCEPTABLE TO THE GREEK-CYPRIOTES COULD KEEP THE TURKS FROM RESUMING TALKS WHILE ONE ACCEPTABLE TO THE TURKS COULD KEEP THE GREEK-CYPRIOTES FROM RESUMING THE TALKS. THEREFORE IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT ANY RES ADOPTED BY THE SC COULD PREVENT TALKS. STAVROPOULOS MERELY REITERATED THAT IF THERE WERE NO TURKISH GESTURE OR NO RESOLUTION SATISFACTORY TO GREEK-CYPRIOTES LATTER WOULD NOT NEGOTIATE.

7. GOING BACK TO THE OVERALL PROBLEM, STAVROPOULOS SAID
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THAT GREECE WILL NOT GO TO WAR OVER CYPRUS ALTHOUGH LACK OF PROGRESS WILL MAKE DIFFICULTIES FOR GREEK GOVERNMENT. HOWEVER, HE ADDED, IF TURKS BEGIN DRILLING FOR OIL IN THE AEGEAN THEN GREECE WILL EXPLODE.

8. STAVROPOULOS SAID THAT SOME NEW ELEMENT OF PRESSURE IS NECESSARY TO GET THE TURKS MOVING. HOWEVER A STEP BY STEP APPROACH WILL NOT BE SUCCESSFUL AND THAT THE ONLY FEASIBLE

WAY TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM IS TO HAVE A GLOBAL SOLUTION WHICH, HE ADMITTED, WOULD HAVE TO RECOGNIZE THE BIZONAL NATURE OF CYPRUS. STAVROPOULOS UNDERSTOOD THAT US INFLUENCE ON TURKEY WAS LIMITED AT THIS JUNCTURE. HOWEVER, HE DID NOT HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS ABOUT WHO ELSE MIGHT HAVE INFLUENCE WITH TURKEY, EXCEPT PAKISTAN WHICH HE UNDERSTOOD WOULD LIKE TO GET INTO ACT.

9. AT CONCLUSION OF CONVERSATION SCHAUFLE ASSURED STAVROPOULOS OF US DESIRE TO BE HELPFUL IN CYPRUS PROBLEM TO EXTENT THAT CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT.
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